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Cumberland By-Election
June 25, 2008

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November 5, 2009

The Honourable Don Toth
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Honourable Speaker:

Pursuant to section 286 of *The Election Act, 1996,* I am honoured to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the by-election held on June 25th, 2008 in the provincial constituency of Cumberland.

This Report presents by-election financial activities by registered political party and candidate. This Report also provides an overview of election administration and official voting results by polling division and also includes summary data for election related expenditures of Elections Saskatchewan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Call of By-Election

Pursuant to section 40 of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2007*, Ms. Joan Beatty, New Democratic Party Sask. Section vacated her seat in the constituency of Cumberland on January 3, 2008. On May 27, 2008, pursuant to an Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Writ of Election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to Ms. Marlene Wolkosky, constituency Returning Officer. The Writ ordered that the by-election be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008. An Election Calendar for the Cumberland By-Election is included on the last page of the Official Report.

Prior to the June 25, 2008 by-election, standing in the Legislative Assembly included: 19 New Democrat, 38 Saskatchewan Party and 1 vacant.

Constituency Boundaries

The Cumberland constituency boundary was enacted in 2002 under *The Representation Act, 2002*, on the recommendation of the Constituency Boundaries Commission, 2002, as established under *The Constituency Boundaries Act, 1993*. Polling divisions for purposes of the Cumberland By-Election included thirty-four regular polls and one personal care facility poll. The Cumberland constituency polling division map and Directory of Communities are set out in Appendices I and V, respectively.

Registered Political Party and Candidate Nomination

At the time of the Cumberland By-Election, the Office recognized the existence of seven political parties in the Register of Political Parties, as maintained pursuant to section 231 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the "Act"). On June 9, 2008, nomination of candidates concluded. At close of nomination, three of the Province's Registered Political Parties nominated candidates, as follows:

Candidate	Registered Political Party[1]	Abbreviation
Dale McAuley	Saskatchewan Party	Saskatchewan Party
Tory McGregor	Green Party of Saskatchewan	Green Party
Doyle Vermette	New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	New Democratic Party (N.D.P.)

The Registered Political Parties' chief official agents and the candidates' business managers for the by-election were as follows:

Registered Political Party	Chief Official Agent
Green Party of Saskatchewan	Phil Boychuk
New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	Catherine Duncan
Saskatchewan Party	Saskatchewan Party Fund Inc. (James Rybchuk)

Candidate	Business Manager
Dale McAuley	Daniel Kwochka
Tory McGregor	Kelly Patrick
Doyle Vermette	Alfred J. Wiens

[1] The following Cumberland By-Election Appendices abbreviate the names of the Province's registered political parties as follows: Green Party of Saskatchewan – G.P.; New Democratic Party, Sask. Section – N.D.P.; Saskatchewan Party – Sask.

Enumeration

From the 27th of May through to the 5th of June, enumeration of eligible electors was conducted for the constituency's thirty-four polling divisions. Pursuant to section 26 of the Act, constituency enumerators sat on June 21, 2008 to make necessary revisions to the voters' lists. As a result of these efforts, 8,439 Cumberland residents were declared eligible to vote, as established on the revised voters' list. In addition, pursuant to section 68 of the Act, eligible electors not included on the revised voters' list were entitled to vote by declaration.

Polling

To facilitate the electorate's participation in the Cumberland By-Election, an advance poll was conducted on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of June 2008. Regular polling stations were open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST on June 25, 2008, enabling the constituency's 8,439 eligible voters the opportunity to exercise their democratic franchise. Eligible voters unable to attend either a regular or advance poll were entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

Electoral Results

Unofficial electoral results were announced on the evening of June 25, 2008, resulting in Mr. Doyle Vermette, New Democratic Party, Sask. Section being declared Member-elect. The Green Party of Saskatchewan candidate forfeited his deposit, pursuant to section 47 of the Act, for not obtaining at least one half of the total number of valid votes cast for the candidate elected.

On July 7, 2008, the constituency Returning Officer tabulated the results of votes cast by way of absentee ballot. These figures were then reflected in the constituency results concluding the final count. Upon completion of the final count, on July 18, 2008, the constituency Returning Officer made a Return to the Writ of Election. The Office published notice of receipt of the Return to the Writ and the name of the candidate elected in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Volume 104 No. 30).

New Initiatives/Pilot Projects:

By-Elections are an opportunity to test new initiatives/pilot projects for the next provincial general election. Given that the general election was held such a short time before the call of the Cumberland By-Election, there was minimal opportunity to try new initiatives. There were three:

- the use of the next version of the Elections Saskatchewan Permanent Register of Eligible Electors (ESPREE) software – Phase II – based on improvements from lessons learned in previous elections. [Note ESPREE is an electronic list of electors based on Elections Alberta's, "Alberta Comprehensive Election System" (ACES)] ;
- the use of "tyvek envelopes" for enumerator's kits and poll official kits. This material withstands inclement weather such as rain or snow; and
- the pre-packing of enumerator and poll official kits in order to improve quality control and ensure that the kits were ready upon the call of a by-election rather than the Returning Officer making up the kits during the by-election writ period.

The above initiatives/pilot projects were well received by the Returning Officer and her enumerators and poll officials. In addition, radio advertising in English, Cree and Dene were used again and were well received.

Registered Political Party and Candidate Financial Reporting

Pursuant to section 251 of the Act, audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses, Form E-524, were required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer within six months after polling day (December 29, 2008). Under section 261 of the Act, candidates were required to file an audited Candidate's Return of Election Expenses, Form E-412, with the constituency Returning Officer, subsequently to be forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer, within three months after polling day (September 26, 2008). Pursuant to the Act, the constituency Returning Officer published, in prescribed form, a summary of all returns respecting candidate election expenses on March 19, 2009.

i) Registered Political Parties

Cumberland is one of the two northern constituencies, therefore the maximum amount of money that could be spent by a Registered Political Party in the Cumberland By-Election, as set out in section 243 of the Act, was (a) the sum of $49,789.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of voters in the constituency (8,439) by $3.32, whichever sum was larger. A registered political party that endorsed a candidate who obtained fifteen per cent or more of all valid votes cast in the by-election and whose chief official agent filed a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses,[2] pursuant to section 264 of the Act, was entitled to receive a reimbursement of a portion of its election expenses from the Province's General Revenue Fund. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying political party was one half of its election expenses.

Both the Saskatchewan Party and the New Democratic Party, Sask. Section filed their duly audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses for the Cumberland By-Election on or before December 29, 2008. The Green Party of Saskatchewan did not file their return until March 17, 2009. Contributions made to political parties are not listed in the Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses but are set out in each party's fiscal period return, filed in accordance with section 250 of the Act. Appendix II sets out a summary of eligible expenses incurred by the Registered Political Parties in Cumberland and the amounts paid in respect of each party who qualified for reimbursement.

ii) Candidates

Candidates seeking election in Cumberland were limited in the amount of money that they could expend. Again, because Cumberland is one of the two northern constituencies, a candidate seeking election was entitled to spend, pursuant to section 252 of the Act, either (a) the sum of $66,384.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of eligible voters in the constituency by $6.62, whichever sum was larger. A candidate who obtained fifteen per cent or more of all valid votes cast in Cumberland and whose business manager filed with the constituency Returning Officer a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses[3], pursuant to section 265 of the Act, was entitled to reimbursement of a portion of their eligible election expenses. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying candidate was an amount equal to sixty per cent of the candidate's election expenses to a maximum of $39,830.40.

The candidate election expenses returns are also viewable on the Elections Saskatchewan website at www.elections.sk.ca . The returns may be viewed as filed and as reviewed.

All candidates filed their returns respecting contributions received and election expenses incurred in the course of the by-election, duly audited, on or before September 26, 2008. On the June 12, 2009 the Office published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Vol. 105, No. 24) a summary of candidate contributions received and expenditures incurred in Cumberland, as well as the amounts paid in respect of each candidate who qualified for reimbursement. Such contributions, expenditures and reimbursements are reported in Appendix III.

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[2] Pursuant to subsection 267(3) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of $2,547.00.

[3] Pursuant to subsection 267(6) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of $827.00.

Elections Saskatchewan Expenditures

The total cost of conducting the June 25, 2008 by-election in Cumberland was $ 211,597.23. This figure is inclusive of, and reported by, administrative and constituency expenditure. See Appendix IV for an itemization of particular expenditures incurred in each of these two categories.

Documentation

Pursuant to section 232 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer is obliged to hold, in addition to the information contained in the Register of Political Parties, all original financial particulars concerning Registered Political Parties' fiscal period and election expenses documentation for the purposes of public inspection. Also held are the returns and the original financial documentation regarding individual candidate election expenses, pursuant to section 262 of the Act. Such information is available for public inspection during regular office hours at Elections Saskatchewan.

The registered political party election expenses returns are also viewable on the Elections Saskatchewan website at www.elections.sk.ca . The returns may be viewed as filed and as reviewed.

Election Calendar

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Cumberland By-Election — Election Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Writ Issues • Appoint election clerk and returning officer (s. 4 (1), and 7) • Confirm dates of election with C.E.O. • Prepare office accommodation, including installation of telephones • Confirm arrangements for returning officer's advance • Consultations, revisions with date and location of polls	• Confirm polling places, locations including advance poll • Commence preparation of Election Proclamation, including notification regarding number of electors' names and any amendments to polling places • Prepare Proclamation for application to Order-in-Council date • Prepare notice of requests for application to Order-in-Council date			34 May 22	33 May 23	32 May 24
31 May 25	30 May 26	29 May 27	28 May 28	27 May 29	26 May 30	25 May 31
		WRIT ISSUES Engagement Session			Proclamation	
24 June 1	23 June 2	22 June 3	21 June 4	20 June 5	19 June 6	18 June 7
	Last day to vote in the Prince Albert Office • Returning Officer's Office • Post Offices (Candidates)					
17 June 8	16 June 9	15 June 10	14 June 11	13 June 12	12 June 13	11 June 14
	NOMINATION DAY Returning Officer's Office Nominations close at noon Polling Subdivisions established	Returning Officer's Office Arrange for appointment of deputy returning officers Arrange for polling materials				
10 June 15	9 June 16	8 June 17	7 June 18	6 June 19	5 June 20	4 June 21
	D.R.O. Training	Deputy returning officers and deputy returning officers for advance poll appointed	Returning officer's office open for receipt of ballot boxes, voting supplies and other election materials	ADVANCE POLL 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.	ADVANCE POLL 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.	ADVANCE POLL 12 noon - 7 p.m. C.S.T. REVISION DAY 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. C.S.T.
3 June 22	2 June 23	1 June 24	0 June 25	+1 June 26	+2 June 27	+3 June 28
ADVANCE POLL 12 noon - 7 p.m. C.S.T. Returning Officer's Office Last day for voting in the Prince Albert Office	ADVANCE POLL 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T. Deputy returning officers attend returning officer's office	Returning officer's office open for receipt of ballot boxes, voting supplies and other election materials	ELECTION DAY 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. C.S.T. Deputy returning officers to the polling subdivisions to open polls Returning officer's office open for receipt of ballot boxes, voting supplies and other election materials	Returning officer's office open for receipt of ballot boxes, voting supplies and other election materials	Returning officer's office open for receipt of ballot boxes, voting supplies and other election materials	
+4 June 29	+5 June 30	+6 July 1	+7 July 2	+8 July 3	+9 July 4	+10 July 5
	Last day for receiving ballots from outside Canada	CANADA DAY				
+11 July 6	+12 July 7	+13 July 8	+14 July 9	+15 July 10	+16 July 11	+17 July 12
	FINAL COUNT Returning Officer		Deputy returning officers attend returning officer's office Judicial recount		Judicial recount	
+18 July 13	+19 July 14	+20 July 15	+21 July 16	+22 July 17	+23 July 18	+24 July 19
					RETURN TO THE WRIT Returning Officer's office	

Within three months after Election Day, if requested in writing by a candidate, the returning officer must provide a statement of the election expenses of the candidate, as set out in s. 161 of the Act, to the candidate's returning officer for forwarding to the Chief Electoral Officer (s. 161).

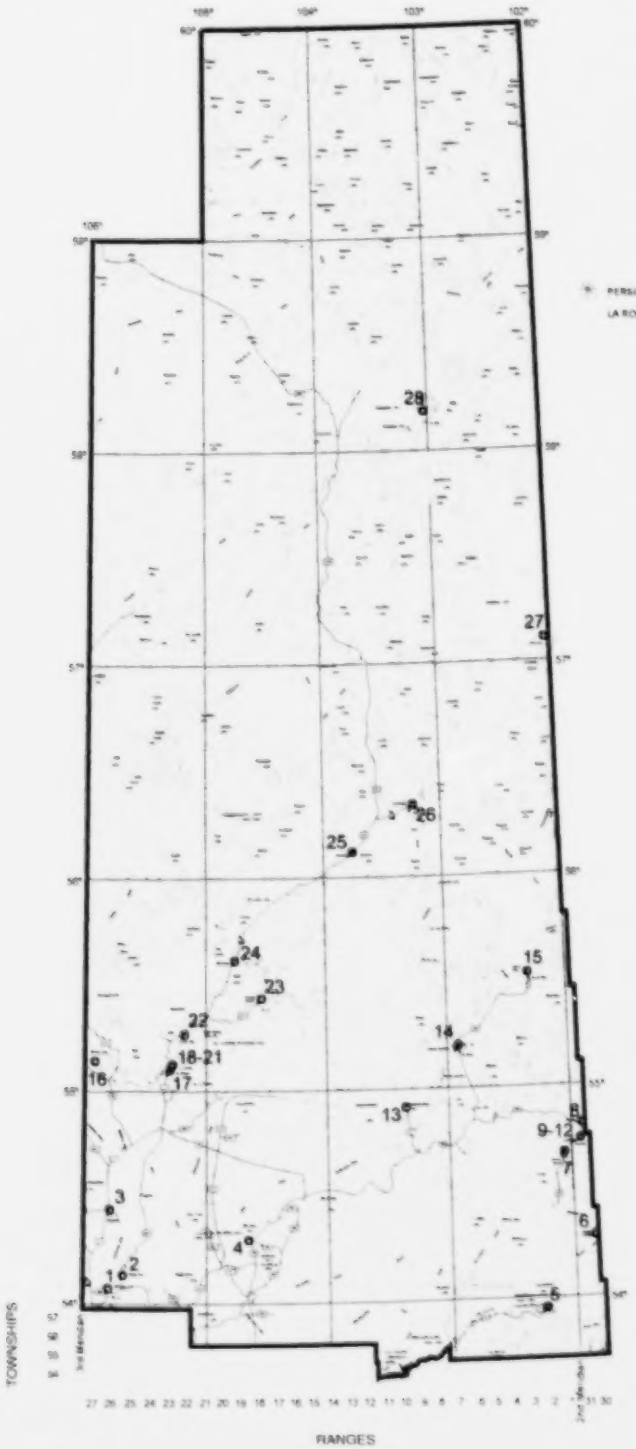
Within 30 days of receipt of any statement of election expenses, the Returning Officer must publish a summary thereof in the prescribed form in one newspaper published or circulated in the constituency or, if no newspaper is published or circulated in the constituency, in a newspaper circulated in the constituency (s. 162).

Within three months after election day, candidates must file with the Chief Electoral Officer a statement of election expenses (s. 161). An audited statement of election expenses must be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer (s. 161).

Vote Summary by Constituency Polling Division: Cumberland

Appendix I

Polling Location			Votes Cast For			Ballots	
Poll No.	Name	Eligible Voters	Dale McAuley S.P.	Tory McGregor G.P.	Doyle Vermette N.D.P.	Total Counted	Rejected
1	Montreal Lake First Nations Band Office	226	33	6	22	61	1
2	Timber Bay Community Hall	68	5	2	13	20	-
3	Weyakwin Hamlet Office	110	13	3	44	60	-
4	Little Bear Lake Fire Hall	116	32	-	6	38	-
5A	Cumberland House Village Hall	751	87	1	27	115	-
5B	Cumberland House Village Hall	-	85	-	47	132	-
6	Sturgeon Landing Band Office	32	10	-	1	11	-
7A	Denareplex, Denare Beach	558	44	3	10	57	-
7B	Denareplex, Denare Beach	-	47	2	11	60	-
8	Creighton Community Centre	123	3	1	7	11	-
9	Creighton Community Centre	113	19	4	18	41	-
10	Creighton Community Centre	154	29	2	19	50	-
11	Creighton Community Centre	177	12	3	25	40	-
12	Creighton Community Centre	184	20	1	18	39	-
13	Deschambault Lake Band Office	517	56	4	130	190	2
14	Pelican Narrows LCA Hall	599	118	4	156	278	3
15	Sandy Bay Village Office	429	61	2	25	88	-
16	Hall Lake Band Office	76	25	4	24	53	-
17A	Elks Hall, Air Ronge	947	17	5	105	127	2
17B	Elks Hall, Air Ronge	-	22	4	75	101	1
17C	Elks Hall, Air Ronge	-	18	10	84	112	-
18A	Kikinahk Friendship Centre, La Ronge	728	39	15	61	115	3
18B	Kikinahk Friendship Centre, La Ronge	-	42	11	68	121	2
19	Kikinahk Friendship Centre, La Ronge	173	18	4	29	51	-
20	Kikinahk Friendship Centre, La Ronge	213	28	26	43	97	2
21	Kikinahk Friendship Centre, La Ronge	254	21	5	50	76	1
22	Sucker River Community Hall	210	31	7	45	83	-
23A	Stanley Mission Band Office	381	32	6	47	85	-
23B	Stanley Mission Band Office	-	51	6	53	110	-
24	Grandmothers Bay Band Hall	91	24	7	15	46	-
25	Brabant Hall, Brabant Lake	39	Combined with Poll # 26			-	-
26	Southend Band Office	499	52	-	32	84	-
27	Kinoosao Community Hall	32	1	2	2	5	-
28	Wollaston Lake LAC Hall	624	36	5	6	47	1
PFC1	La Ronge Health Centre (Integrated Facility), La Ronge	15	-	2	1	3	-
AP	Kikinahk Friendship Centre, La Ronge	-	40	16	145	201	1
AP	Creighton Community Centre	-	28	3	14	45	-
AP	Village Hall, Cumberland House	-	177	1	45	223	-
AP	LAC Hall, Wollaston Lake	-	24	4	41	69	1
	Absentee Ballots	-	2	-	5	7	2
	Hospital/Remand Ballots	-	-	1	1	2	-
	Totals	8,439	1,402	182	1,570	3,154	22
	Candidate Elected - Doyle Vermette						
	Plurality	168					
	% Who Voted	37.63%					
	% By Party		44.45%	5.77%	49.78%		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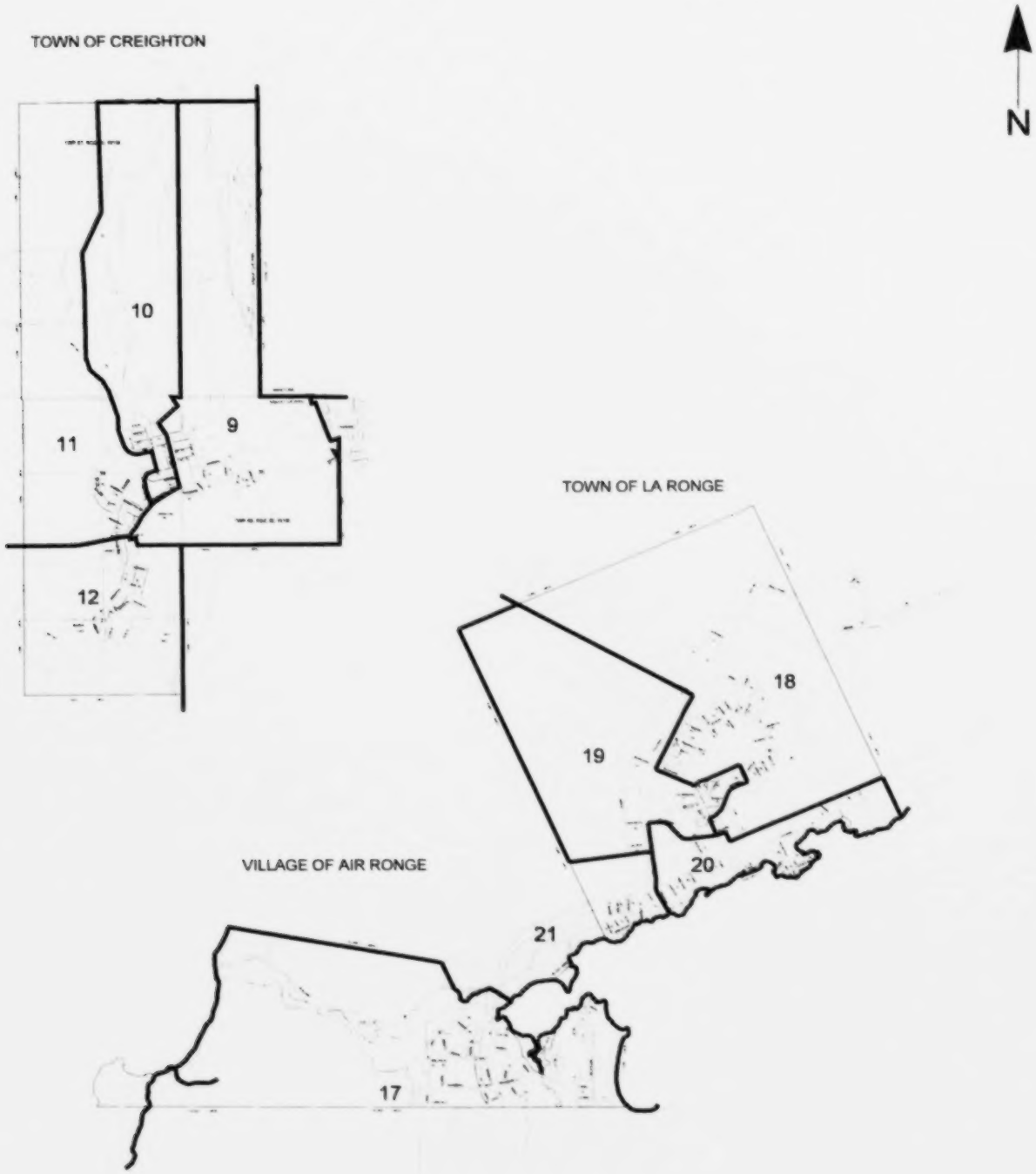
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FINANCIAL SECTION

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Summary of Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Paid: Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Party	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises	Advertising
Green Party of Saskatchewan	49,789.00	3.57	115.00	88.56
New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	49,789.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Saskatchewan Party	49,789.00	0.00	0.00	40,867.20
	149,367.00	**3.57**	**115.00**	**40,955.76**

(a) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.

(b) Total expenses less non-reimbursable expenses.

(c) Party failed to qualify for reimbursement pursuant to subsection 264(1) of The Election Act, 1996.

Services	Goods Supplied	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Unpaid or Disputed Claims (a)	Unpaid or Disputed Claims Paid (a)	Total of Expenses	Total of Reimbursable Expenses (b)	Amount of Reimbursement
17.54	170.56	456.52	0.00	0.00	851.75	0.00	(c)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	2,424.81	0.00	0.00	43,292.01	43,292.01	21,646.01
17.54	**170.56**	**2,881.33**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**44,143.76**	**43,292.01**	**21,646.01**

Summary of Contributions Received, Expenses Incurred and Reimbursments Paid: Candidates and Business Managers

	Contributions Received	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Candidate's Personal Expenses(a)	Candidate's Campaign Expenses	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises
Candidates - Cumberland (Eligible voters 8,439)						
Dale McAuley (Saskatchewan Party)	45,866.11	66,384.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tory McGregor (Green Party)	1,526.01	66,384.00	0.00	555.58	284.33	0.00
Doyle Vermette (N.D.P)	47,798.92	66,384.00	0.00	4,751.35	1,008.11	800.00
	95,191.04	**199,152.00**	**0.00**	**5,306.93**	**1,292.44**	**800.00**

(a) Candidates' personal expenses are not included in the total of expenses.

(b) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.

(c) Total expenses less non-reimbursable expenses.

(d) Candidate failed to qualify for reimbursement pursuant to subsection 265(1) of The Election Act, 1996.

Advertising	Services	Goods Supplied	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Unpaid or Disputed Claims (b)	Unpaid or Disputed Claims Paid (b)	Total of Expenses	Total of Reimbursable Expenses (c)	Amount of Reimbursement
18,418.82	15,154.70	321.20	8,864.41	0.00	0.00	42,759.13	41,978.56	25,187.14
0.00	0.00	0.00	278.50	0.00	0.00	1,118.41	0.00	(d)
5,472.83	18,868.34	11,339.74	2,602.14	0.00	0.00	44,842.51	44,842.51	26,905.51
23,891.65	**34,023.04**	**11,660.94**	**11,745.05**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**88,720.05**	**86,821.07**	**52,092.65**

By-Election: Constituency of Cumberland

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Administration	
General Contractual Services	$ 14,557.45
Postal/Courier/Freight	5,881.30
Equipment Lease/Rental/Purchase	1,874.25
Advertising	29,364.80
Printing/Duplicating	702.45
Travel and Business	1,682.88
Supplies and Services	935.23
Registered Political Parties	
Reimbursement of Registered Political Party Election Expense	21,646.01
Reimbursement of Auditor Fees	1,168.31
Interest	-
Elections Saskatchewan Expenditures	**$ 77,812.68**

Constituency

Election Officials	
Returning Officer	$ 5,395.00
Election Clerk	3,840.00
Enumerators	12,961.23
Polls (Officials/Rental of Space)	24,692.07
Administration	
General Contractual Services	14,690.01
Postal/Courier/Freight	114.02
Rent of Grounds/Building/Office Space	4,150.50
Rent of Office Equipment	1,396.62
Communications	1,224.34
Advertising	5,020.01
Printing/Duplicating	3,280.20
Travel and Business	2,820.33
Supplies and Services	17.89
Late Payment Charges	-
Candidates	
Reimbursement of Candidate Election Expenses	52,092.65
Reimbursement of Auditor Fees	2,089.68
Interest	-
Constituency Expenditures	**$ 133,784.55**
Total Election Expenditures	**$ 211,597.23**
Eligible Voters	8,439
Cost Per Voter	$ 25.07

Community	
Air Ronge	Northern Village
Brabant Lake	Northern Settlement
Creighton	Town
Cumberland House	Northern Village
Denare Beach	Northern Village
Flin Flon	City
Island Falls	Hamlet
La Ronge	Town
Missinipe	Northern Hamlet
Pelican Narrows	Northern Village
Sandy Bay	Northern Village
Southend	Northern Settlement
Stanley Mission	Northern Settlement
Timber Bay	Northern Hamlet
Weyakwin	Northern Hamlet
Whelan Bay	Hamlet
Wollaston Bay	Northern Settlement